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Claims 1-15 currently remain in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13 and 14 were previously amended claims. Claims 1 and 7 herein amended.

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Izumi in view of Japanese Patent Publication 2000-242315 (referred to as Hiroyuki).

In Paragraph 3 of said Office Action, the Examiner stated that applicant's earlier filed argument was not persuasive. In order to make the same line of argument more persuasive, claims 1 and 7 are herein amended to further limit the kind of user program intended in the claims.

In the case of small portable electronic systems of the kind addressed to by the cited reference, key operations and button inputs are generally recognized by the system program through an interrupt and parameters in a table are referenced by using such an interrupt as a trigger. The present invention, by contrast, deals with user programs of the kind that are carried out cyclically. This is therefore made more explicit in the present amendment.

It is therefore hoped that the argument is now more persuasive and that the Examiner will find this to be the case.

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